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Quebec Government subsidy brings another reduction in cost of gasoline and $500 to Elders in Nunavik

Kuujjuaq, Québec – November 30 2007 – During the Katimajiit conference held in Kuujjuaq on August 23-24 2007 the Government of Quebec undertook to pay the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) a subsidy of twelve million one hundred thousand dollars ($12,100,000) to establish measures to reduce the transportation costs for Nunavik residents over three years. On November 28 2007, the KRG Council passed Resolution No. 2007-93 to reduce the price of gasoline by 16 cents per liter for all Nunavik residents, including organizations and businesses and to pay a subsidy of five hundred ($500) dollars to Elders residing in Nunavik. These measures are a result of many years of lobbying by the Kativik Regional Government and the Makivik Corporation.

Effective December 1 2007 Nunavimmiut will therefore benefit from another reduction of 16 cents per liter on the cost of gasoline. The KRG will subsidize the distributors, Kuvviti Fuel, Emudluk Fuels, Northern Stores, Halutik Enterprises and the *Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau Québec (FCNQ)* by that amount for every liter of gasoline they sell.

Elders, 60 years and up on December 1 2007, in Nunavik will also be receiving a subsidy cheque in the amount of $500 to help alleviate the effect of the high cost of living on their living conditions. Elders should expect to receive their cheque in the mail before Christmas.

The KRG council has also approved, as of December 1 2007, the renewal of the Airfare reduction program that was in place since October 1 2006.

The KRG thanks the gasoline distributors for the cooperation they have offered therefore permitting the implementation of this measure to be applied quickly.

The KRG invites all public organizations to return any savings from the application of this measure, to the KRG. KRG proposes to reinvest all of the funds they will get back from public organizations into additional measures to reduce the cost of living in Nunavik.

Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, whose jurisdiction covers nearly

the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, environment, police, employment, manpower training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

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